

the State Secretaries of Tribal Welfare to ensure timely submission of proposals for release of funds and to speed up implementation of schemes.

Special welfare grants for tribals

2458. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Central Assistance given in Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Tamil Nadu as special welfare grants for tribals under first proviso to Article 275(1) of the Constitution during the last three years; and

(b) how they have utilized?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) During the last three years, the following amount has been released to the States of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa and Tamil Nadu under first proviso to Article 275(1) of the Constitution.

(Rs. in lakhs)

State	Year		
	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Andhra Pradesh	453.50	607.00	613.86
Orissa	657.00	514.00	1027.93
Tamil Nadu	121.00	42.00	83.93

(b) These funds are utilized by the State Governments for raising the level of administration in Scheduled Areas by creation of infrastructure like roads and bridges, irrigation, communication and drinking water facilities etc. and for the development and welfare of Scheduled Tribes including establishment of model residential schools for Scheduled Tribes.